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Re: Applicant(s): Attila Kovacs-Birkas
Assignee: NEC Electronics, Inc.
Title: CELL MODELING IN THE DESIGN OF AN INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT
Application No.: 09/878,497
Filing Date: June 11, 2001
Group Art Unit: 2123
Examiner: William D. Thomson
Attorney Docket No.: NEC0239US

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate)
- (3) Response To Non-Final Office Action (10 pages)

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring on November 23, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.